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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004 (Paper No. 11) (hereinafter "Final Action") finally rejecting claims 1–12 and 23–28, the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.